

### **REMARKS**

By this Amendment, new dependent claims 15-21 have been added. Support for the new claims is found in the specification as filed. It is respectfully submitted that these new dependent claims are commensurate in scope with dependent claims 2-4 and 6-7, which were cancelled in the Examiner's Amendment dated October 3, 2006, and do not raise any new issues. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that this Amendment be entered.

MPEP § 714.16 requires that any Amendments under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312 that add claims must include remarks that fully and clearly state (A) why the amendment is needed; (B) why the proposed amended or new claims require no additional search or examination; (C) why the claims are patentable; and (D) why they were not presented earlier.

In compliance with MPEP § 714.16, Applicants submit that the new dependent claims are needed in order to provide Applicants with a scope of protection that is commensurate with their disclosure. These new dependent claims do not require additional search or examination, and are deemed patentable, because they depend (directly or indirectly) from independent claims 13 and 14, and include all of the features thereof. Claims 13 and 14 are considered allowable for at least the reasons set forth on pages 3-7 of the Examiner's Amendment. The new dependent claims were not presented earlier because it was only upon reviewing the Notice of Allowability that Applicants appreciated that the subject matter of dependent claims 2-4 and 6-7 had been cancelled, and that analogous dependent claims had not been presented for independent claims 13 and 14.

### CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312, and submit that this application remains in condition for allowance for the reasons already of record. Should the Examiner believe anything further is required, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

It is believed that no fees are required for entry and consideration of this Amendment. However, any fees that are believed due are hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 01-2300, referencing docketing number **108910-00125**.

Respectfully submitted,



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